(b) to (d) As on 30-11-1985. 32 posts of Chief Executives and *10* posts of Functional Director^ were vacant. Recruitment action has already been initia-' ted to fill up the existing vacancies except in those cases where the post have been kept in abeyance pending consideration of re-organisation of some public-enterprises .

As per existing policy, these appointees are given an initial tennure of two years and subject to their satisfactory performance, their tenures are further extended upto a period of five years with the condition that the extended tenure will not go beyond their data of Superannuation!.

Government also keeps a close watch, on the vacancy position and Initiates advance action wherever possible to expedite selection. Among the other steps taken in this regard, mention may be made of the systematic holding of interviews by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PCSB) which meet normally twice a week for this purpose.

Measures for preventing industrial units going sick

2664. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what measures Government propose to take regarding prevention of industrial units going sick; and

(b) what are the latest figures of sick industrial units, large, medium and small, and scheduled banks capital locked in those units, and number of unemployed labour because of the sickness of the units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) To deal with the problem of industrial sickness in the country. Government have issued certain policy guidelines for guidance of Central Ministries, State Governments and Banks and Financial Institutions in October, T9R1. The salient features of these guidelines were furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 700 on 15-7-1982.

Also the bill viz. ihe Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Bill. 1985' has been passed by the Lok Sabha on 9ih I) cembcr, 1985 which provides, *hilcr-alia* for timely detection of sick and potentially sick industrial units and for establishment of a quasijudi cial body to be designated as the Bijar.l for Industrial and Financial Recomiruction with powers to consider suitable remedial measures for speedy rehablita-tion of potentially viable sick industrial units.

th) Data on sick industrial units led by banks are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. As per the latest data, furnished by it, the number of sick units nd the amount outstanding against these units as o$_a$ 31st December, 1984 (Provisional) are shown below:

	No. of Sick Units	Amount (Rs. in crores)
Large . . .	545	2330.12
Medium . . .	12R7	408.58
Small Scale .	01.}5<>	fl79.6o-
	03,282	3638.39

Data on number of workers employed in these sick units is neither centrally maintained in this Ministry nor collected by the Reserve Bank of India.

2665. *[Transferred to the* 17*tit Decem ber.* 1985] .

Allotments of Vespa Xe scooters by M/s. Lohia Machines

2666. SHRI RAM CHANDRA BHARADWAI: Will the Minister of IN DUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications for allotment of Vespa Xe scooters received by M|s. Lohia Machines, Kanpur after

the product was advertised by the Company over T.V. and other media;

(b) how many scooters have been allotted to the applicants so far;

(c) whether as per the .advertisement of Mjs. Lohia Machines, Kanpur over I'.V. three hundred scooters arc being produced every day; if so, how many scooters ate being allotted to the applicants every day; and

(d) whether it is a fact that due *to* excessive advertisements given by the said company, the issue price of their scooter has increased copsidenibly; if so, how much money has been spent by the Company for advertisement through various media so far?

THE MINISTER Ob STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Out of about. 23 lakhs applicitions initially rgistered with the Company, over 44 thotisand scooters were delivered upto 30.11.1985.

(c) The Company has attained a pro duction level of about 300 scooters per working day. A minimum of 95 per cent of production is delivered to the waitlisted applicants leaving a maximum *of* 5 per cent *for* discretionary allotments by the company.

(d) No. Sir.

Production of... bathing soaps

2667. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Wil! the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) the total production of bathing soaps in the country during the last three years;

Cb) the corresponding prices of bathing soaps during the last three years; and

(c) whether there have been any rise in their prices during the same period if so, what steps Government have taken to "bring down their prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The total production of bathing soaps in the organised sector during the last 3 years is as follows:

Year	Production (in L kh Tonnes)
.....	1.85

(b) The average price index of bath ing soaps during the last 3 years is as follows;

Y- I	(1$ ise 1970-71- Average piir<- index
	230.3
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(c) The increase in th$_e$ prices of soaps is primarily due to incrw.se in the prices of soapery oils used for the manufacture of soaps. Government have authorised imports of Split Palm Stearine Fatty Acid and Palm Fatty Acid Distillate to increase the availability of soapery oils in Government have also taken steps to increase the production and availability of nonedible minor oils such as Rice Bran etc., to encourage maximum availability of indigency. stitute for imported soapery oil.

Excess billing and disconnection of telephones

2668. DR. MOHD. HASHIM' KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 888 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received against excess telephone bills during the last two year*;